

RESOLUTIONS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW YORK,

RECOMMENDING

*An appropriation of land for the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Oregon Territory, on the plan proposed by Mr. Whitney.*

DECEMBER 8, 1847.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

IN SENATE, May 4, 1847.

Whereas the geographical position of the United States and her territories, with the Atlantic and Pacific oceans for its eastern and western boundaries, indicates it as the natural route for the commerce of Asia, and recent political events and passing occurrences tend to give greatly increased importance to that portion of our territory washed by the Pacific ocean, and the commerce of that sea must very soon become an object of the greatest interest, as well to the industry and trade of the country, as to the government and prosperity of the republic: And whereas the experience of the present age has conclusively proven that the surest safeguard of a free government is to be found in a well regulated system of internal commerce and communication, conducted upon cheap and speedy avenues: And whereas a railroad from lake Michigan to Oregon will tend greatly to consolidate the union of the States, extend the commerce and promote the agricultural interests of the country, while it will enrich the national treasury by bringing to a speedy market, and at advanced prices, its hitherto inaccessible lands: And whereas the construction of such road can best be accomplished by the plan proposed by Mr. Asa Whitney, of New York, of connecting the sale of the public lands with the building of the road: Therefore,

*Resolved*, (if the Assembly concur,) That this legislature approve of the project of constructing a railroad from lake Michigan to the Oregon Territory, according to the plan proposed by Mr. Asa Whitney, of the city of New York, and that it recommends the appropriation of the necessary quantity of the public lands situated along the route of the proposed road, for the accomplishment of that object.

*Resolved*, That our Senators and our Representatives in Congress be requested to favor the passage of a law authorizing the granting of such lands for the objects specified in the preceding resolution, and that the

Governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

By order of the Senate:

I. R. ELWOOD, *Clerk.*

IN ASSEMBLY, May 7, 1847.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur.

By order:

P. B. PRINDLE, *Clerk.*